Viewing cable 07MOSCOW1537, NEW RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTER STILL AN ENIGMA

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07MOSCOW1537	2007-04-06 11:39	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Moscow

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¶1. (C) SUMMARY: More than a month and a half after his appointment as Defense Minister, Anatoliy Serdyukov continues to take a low-key approac
ANOTHER ST. PETERSBURG SON MAKES GOOD
¶2. (SBU) Appointed Minister of Defense February 15, Anatoliy Serdyukov promptly drew fire from senior military officials, though only retired
¶3. (C) Aleksandr Golts, a respected defense analyst, was among those critical of Serdyukov's appointment. Golts told us that Serdyukov's inex
LOW -- BUT RISING — PROFILE
¶4. (SBU) Serdyukov has kept a low profile since assuming his new duties. He is apparently getting a crash course in all things military at one
¶5. (C) As head of the FTS, Serdyukov had established a reputation as a detail-oriented micromanager and ruthless policy administrator in his a
RIGHT PERSON FOR THE JOB?
¶6. (C) Other contacts thought Serdyukov was precisely the right prescription for the Defense Ministry. Sergey Sumbayev, a former journalist wi
¶7. (C) Sumbayev did not expect Serdyukov to undertake major defense initiatives, particularly with less than a year to go before presidential
STRONG POLITICAL CONNECTIONS
¶8. (C) Apart from his ties to Zubkov, multiple press reports claim that Serdyukov is allied with the Kremlin's siloviki wing, including Igor S
COMMENT
¶9. (C) Serdyukov has his work cut out for him in bringing order to a Ministry badly in need of reform. While he lacks military credentials, Se
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